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**From:** Anthony Gallegos  
**To:** joelle, wayne  
**Subject:** corp of engineers interest in SF tailings expansion

This morning I received a call from Sue Nall, Corp of Engineers, 402 Rood Ave. Rm 142, Grand Junction, CO, 81501-2563, phone (970) 243-1199 ext 16. The Grand Jct. office assists the main Utah office of the ACOE.

She was interested in the permit reviews of the SF tailings expansion and in particular, who, if anyone, is looking at the impacts to the canyons which will be filled in. She had visited the site with Ron Ryan and had noticed fill in Hole in the Wall Canyon. She is not sure if the ACOE would require a permit, but she needed to look into the proposal and also look into permitting required by the various agencies. We had a long discussion about the Minerals Regulations & permitting requirements and what has happened so far with the tailings expansion proposal. I mentioned that the Minerals Rules have performance standards instead of specific reclamation requirements like OSM & coal mining. I also mentioned that our rules do not specifically address canyon backfilling, but include a section on impacts to air, water, slopes & safety.

She will be looking into the project to determine if the ACOE will be requiring a permit. They had not been included in any of the previous reviews or evaluations. She would like us to include her on any public notice we issue for this expansion.

I will send a copy of this message to file **M/047/007**